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SUBJ: GENEVA STRIKE: MARCH 2 SITUATION

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1. MARCH 1 SITUATION DESCRIBED REF A CONTINUES TO BE SITUATION MORNING OF MARCH 2, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN MEETINGS BEING HELD, CANCELLED OR POSTPONED BEYOND THAT REPORTED IN PARA 4 REF A AND IN REFS B AND C. RE REF A PARA 4 RECAPITULATION OF MEETING ARRANGEMENTS GATT ALSO AMONG ORGANIZATIONS HOLDING ALL SCHEDULED MEETINGS, WHILE UNCTAD THIRD INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT IS AMONG MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR PALAIS BEING POSTPONED ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

2. MEETING OF UN PALAIS STRIKERS TUESDAY MORNING

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REVEALED NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN SITUATION BUT DIS-

CLOSED THERE HAS BEEN IMPORTANT PROCEDURAL PROGRESS IN THAT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1700 TODAY INTENDED, FOR FIRST TIME, TO BRING TOGETHER HEADS OF ALL GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WITH HEADS OF ALL STAFF ASSOCIATIONS. FACT THAT PALAIS STRIKERS APPARENTLY HAVE RATIFIED THIS ARRANGEMENT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT, PLACING PALAIS WORKERS AND STRIKE ISSUES IN WIDER FORUM WINSPEARE SEEKS (GENEVA 1458 PARA 5).

3. WALDHEIM REPRESENTATIVE DEBOTIN EVIDENTLY HAS BEEN GREATLY INFLUENTIAL. REPORTEDLY HEAD OF UN STAFF ASSOCIATION REGARDS HIM, UNLIKE WINSPEARE, AS MAN WITH WHOM STAFF ASSOCIATION CAN DEAL, AND HE HAS HELPED ON OTHER HAND TO DISPEL NOTION WHICH HAS BEEN ADVANCED BY LEADERS OF STAFF ASSOCIATIONS THAT EXECUTIVE HEADS ARE BADLY DIVIDED AMONG THEMSELVES. DEBOTIN HAS INSISTED TO ALL THAT COMMON SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND TO "LOCAL" PROBLEM COMMON TO ALL AND, IF MEETING THIS AFTERNOON (PARA 2 ABOVE) COMES OFF AND WELL, HE MAY HAVE DIALOGUE OPEN ON THIS TRACK.

4. ILO STAFF ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN PLENARY SESSION EARLIER IN AFTERNOON TO CONSIDER ISSUES. DESPITE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF LIKELY STRIKE VOTE, THIS IS CONTRARY TO ALL INDICATIONS WE HAVE OF SENTIMENT AMONG ILO STAFF WHICH ENDORSED MOVE EARLIER TO TAKE PATH DEBOTIN NOW SEEMS SUCCESSFULLY TO BE PROMOTING.

5. ONLY DISCORDANT NOTE THIS MRNING IS REPORT THAT LEADER OF PRECEDENT SETTING FAO STRIKE IN ROME HAS ARRIVED IN TOWN TO COUNSEL PALAIS STRIKERS.DALE

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